

7 June 1950

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I have purposely delayed answering your letter of April 13th until after Smith came back and I had a chance to talk with him.

I know you would be able to do good work for us but, by past experience, we have found some major complications in the employment of retired Foreign Service personnel. The General Accounting Office in every instance holds up the payment of retired pay and requires the individual claim to be processed in the courts in each case. This not only constitutes a considerable nuisance for the individual concerned, but casts some doubt on whether employment should be provided under those circumstances. For this reason, normally, we have not employed retired Foreign Service personnel in the past.

Another complexity lies at present in the fact that there is a proviso in this year's Appropriations Bill whereby only 10% of the replacements in any agency may be filled and, of course, no new positions. This proviso, although it has passed the House, is being considered by the Senate and at this time one can't say whether or not it will be made a part of the Bill.

Consequently, I cannot give you a definite answer now but I would suggest that, two or three months before your retirement is to commence, you write in again and by that time, I am sure something definite, either one way or the other, may turn up.

Please remember me to Bert and, with the very best of wishes to you, believe me,

Sincerely,

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R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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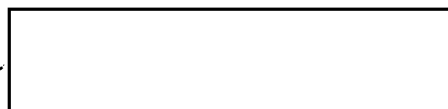
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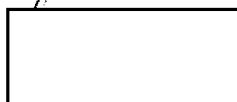
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info wanted & to be pre-  
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of what we have.

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2 May 1950

The attached, which arrived open, was given to [redacted] for hand-delivery to D.C. [redacted] submitted it through the pouch, requested delivery and stated he would like to discuss it in detail upon his return to Hq., on or about 15 May.

V.R.

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